

**Remarks:**

Comment directed to amendments of the claims:

- 220 Applicant requests that the amendments to the claims removing unnecessary limitations be considered.

Examiner's paper #4, rejecting independent claims 1, 10, and 16 stated that the (original) claims omitted essential elements, examiner cited only one omission, that is, the original claim language called for an insufficient number of panels to form a retaining berm system.

- 225 Applicant submitted a successful set of amended claims in such detail that applicant now believes that the successful claims contain unnecessary limitations.

The slots are the means to make hooks on the opposite ends of the clip. The presently proposed amendment is to distinctly claim the end hook as the coupling element. This will also include the staple-like embodiment of the clip within the literal coverage of the claims.

- 230 Comment directed to amendments of the specification:

Applicant believes that all amendments to the specification are re-statements and clarification of material in the application as filed, thus no new matter is being introduced.

The logic behind most of the changes to the specification is set forth where the location of the proposed amendments is described. Some are obvious and do not need elaboration.

- 235 Column 5 line 39

Change "regular" to Irregular" Irregular was in the application as filed. The inadvertent change from "irregular to "regular" changes the sense of the statement, making it read opposite to the

intention of the applicant. Thus negating applicant's intention that irregular shapes of bin walls be disclosed and part of the monopoly granted by patent. Note also that because the "T" of  
240 "irregular" was dropped, the sentence in the patent does not start with a capital letter.

REMARKS:

Column 5 lines 44-46 and at  
Column 8, line 59, in the "Other Embodiments" section,

Applicant believes that the following additions to the text of the specification are supported in the  
245 application as filed and therefore do not constitute new matter.

The bent ends of the rod being hooks to engage the joining hooks of the panels.

The portions of the flat-designed clips at the edges beyond the slots are themselves hooks similar in function and structure to the staple-like hook embodiments.

It is also obvious that the panel hooks, 4, may be turned 180 degrees to point inward from the panel ends without diminishing their ability to co-operate with hooking clips to join panel sections.  
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It is also obvious that the connection assemblies comprising the panel hooks and the joining clips may be located on the interior side of the bin walls without diminishing their ability of form a materials retaining berm as described.

The first addition "The bent ends of the rod being hooks to engage the joining hooks of the panels" as a  
255 more clear description and use of a staple-like clip. It describes in words structure already inherent in the application's citation of "staple-like".

The second addition "The portions of the flat-designed clips .... " merely distinctly points out that the flat clip described previously has a similarity to and can functions like the staple-like clip.

260 The third addition about turning the panel hooks around is supported in the original disclosure, in that a turned around panel hook will work well within the described embodiment, and thus is included in the general statement at column 11 lines 1- 4. Also, the staple-like clip disclosed in the original specification requires a rotated panel hook to be effective, thus the rotated embodiment was anticipated by the original disclosure.

265 The fourth addition distinctly describes an otherwise implied embodiment where the joining system is on the interior of the materials retaining bin.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner consider the above amendments as part of an application for reissue of patent #6,315,495.

Respectfully,

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